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In re the application of:)
) Group Art Unit: 3712
UMEYAMA; NAKAKI)
) Examiner: K. FERNSTROM
Serial No. 09/834,886)
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For: **A MODEL FOR TRAINING OF SURGICAL OPERATION OF CATARACT**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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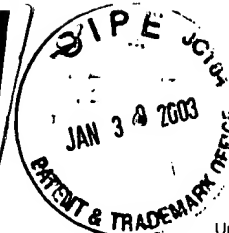
This is in response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of October 30, 2002, with a three month shortened statutory period to respond set to expire on January 30, 2003, filed along with a Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the pending rejections and allow all claims pending in this application

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as indicated in Appendices A and B submitted herewith. Appendix A is a marked-up copy of



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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231	Application Number	09/834,886
	Filing Date	April 16, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Hideki UMEYAMA
	Art Unit	3712
	Examiner Name	K. FERNSTROM
	Attorney Docket Number	TAN-285

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____
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Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Filing Receipt;
- (2) Transmittal Letter;
- (3) Request for Continued Examination (RCE);
- (4) Amendment and Reply;
- (5) Appendices A, B, C and D;
- (6) Check in the amount of \$750.00.

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Respectfully submitted,

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